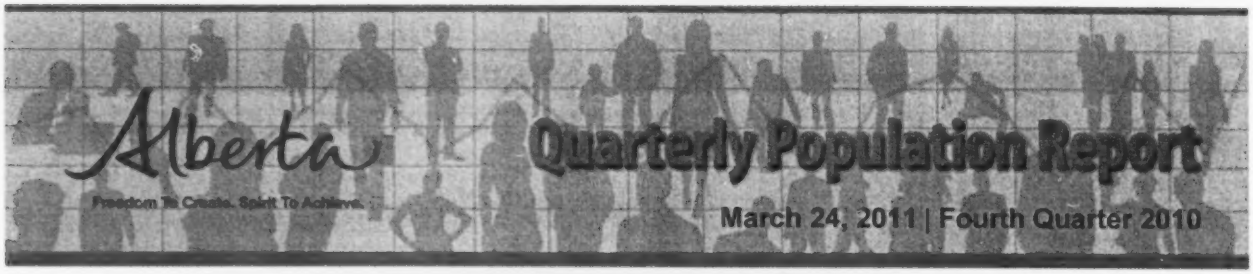

Population Estimates

In 2010, Alberta's population grew by 1.42%, a slower growth than last year's 1.60% due to a higher net outflow of non-permanent residents. Even though the 2010 population increase was the lowest since 1996 (1.39%), Alberta still had the third fastest growing population among the provinces after Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan as interprovincial migration continued to improve. On a quarterly basis, Alberta also attained the third highest population growth place after Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Table 1 presents the population estimates and annual growth rates for Alberta and Canada. As shown in this table, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,742,753 on January 1, 2011. This represents an annual growth of 52,503 persons (or 1.42%) during 2010.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA

	Population			Annual Growth Rate	
Jan 1	Canada	Alberta	Jan 1	Canada	Alberta
2007	32,737,701	3,471,715	2006	1.06%	2.96%
2008	33,103,216	3,545,176	2007	1.12%	2.12%
2009	33,508,360	3,632,086	2008	1.22%	2.45%
2010	33,902,788	3,690,250	2009	1.18%	1.60%
2011	34,278,406	3,742,753	2010	1.11%	1.42%

Source: Statistics Canada

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, even though Alberta's population growth rate in 2010 was the lowest in 15 years, it was still about 30% higher than the national average of 1.11%. In 2010, Prince Edward Island had the highest population growth rates (1.46%), followed by Saskatchewan (1.45%) and Alberta (1.42%).

Migration

During the fourth quarter of 2010, Alberta had the highest interprovincial migration gain among the provinces. Alberta gained a total of 2,510 net interprovincial migrants in this quarter as compared to a net loss of 2,780 in the fourth quarter of 2009 (Tables 3 and 5). About half of Alberta's net interprovincial gain (1,272 persons) came from Ontario.

Between October and December of 2010, Alberta had a net gain of 4,633 landed immigrants from international countries, but lost a total of 6,725 net non-permanent residents, largely temporary foreign workers (Table 5). However, the net outflow of 6,700 non-permanent residents in the fourth quarter was more than offset by the combined net inflow of 7,100 interprovincial plus international migrants.

On a yearly basis, as revealed in Table 4, Alberta achieved the highest net interprovincial migration gain (6,797 migrants) among the provinces in 2010, ahead of British Columbia (4,638) and Saskatchewan (2,689). The interprovincial migration gain began with a rebound in the first quarter of 2010. The rebound came after two consecutive quarterly losses in interprovincial migration in the second half of 2009 when the global recession caught up with Alberta.

In 2010, the province received a net inflow of 24,177 international migrants, a record high level in Alberta. The 2010 net gain of over 24,000 permanent immigrants more than offset the annual net loss of 9,168 non-permanent residents. The continued net outflow of non-permanent residents was likely due to the reduced labor shortages in Alberta.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011 & GROWTH RATES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2010

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	509,148	143,481	943,414	753,232	7,942,983	13,282,444	1,243,653	1,052,050	3,742,753	4,554,085	34,306	43,554	33,303
Growth Rate	-0.19%	1.46%	0.16%	0.38%	0.97%	1.17%	1.38%	1.45%	1.42%	1.23%	0.97%	0.14%	2.33%

Source: Statistics Canada

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Natural Increase

In the fourth quarter of 2010, Alberta experienced a natural increase of 7,249 people (12,950 births minus 5,701 deaths). During the fourth quarter, Alberta continued to obtain the highest proportion of natural increase among the provinces, which contributed to 95% of the population growth as the total net migration gain (418) was substantially reduced by the loss of non-permanent residents.

Summary Statistics for 2010

Population (Jan 1, 2010):	3,690,250
Births (Jan - Dec):	53,046
Deaths (Jan - Dec):	22,349
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan - Dec):	6,797
Net International Migration (Jan - Dec):	24,177
Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan - Dec):	-9,168
Growth (Jan - Dec):	52,503
Population (Jan. 1, 2011):	3,742,753

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

Destination

Origin	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	25	252	165	18	596	20	0	730	112	0	19	0
Prince Edward I.	5	0	74	59	56	286	0	0	182	112	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	224	109	0	641	75	1,303	62	35	689	294	37	42	24
New Brunswick	76	62	388	0	284	627	53	39	568	89	0	6	0
Quebec	45	12	60	457	0	3,477	82	66	703	575	0	5	4
Ontario	680	267	1,346	677	3,152	0	1,144	833	4,551	3,228	82	76	68
Manitoba	24	26	88	37	75	1,250	0	463	819	700	13	5	43
Saskatchewan	4	33	34	32	102	503	508	0	2,011	629	4	20	0
Alberta	705	62	524	224	777	3,279	818	2,036	0	4,996	64	54	23
British Columbia	147	35	323	113	514	2,767	596	578	5,393	0	100	78	0
Yukon Territory	14	0	0	21	37	21	0	0	190	191	0	14	0
Northwest Terr.	82	0	0	0	12	95	0	39	221	160	23	0	19
Nunavut Terr.	87	0	0	25	16	89	27	0	15	0	0	43	0
	Nfld.	**P.E.I.**	**N.S.**	**N.B.**	**QUE.**	**ONT.**	**MAN.**	**SASK.**	**AB.**	**B.C.**	**Yukon**	**NWT.**	**NVT.**
In Migration	**2,093**	**631**	**3,089**	**2,451**	**5,118**	**14,293**	**3,310**	**4,089**	**16,072**	**11,086**	**323**	**362**	**181**
Out Migration	**1,937**	**774**	**3,535**	**2,192**	**5,486**	**16,104**	**3,543**	**3,880**	**13,562**	**10,644**	**488**	**651**	**302**
Net Migration	**156**	**-143**	**-446**	**259**	**-368**	**-1,811**	**-233**	**209**	**2,510**	**442**	**-165**	**-289**	**-121**

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: **NET INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRATION BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2010**

2010	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Jan-Mar	229	-38	-581	396	-1,451	-2,069	-41	1,297	312	1,642	43	77	184
Apr-Jun	-452	-187	106	150	-1,948	-2,746	-848	1,027	2,820	1,962	84	-129	161
Jul-Sep	-830	-425	-877	-117	22	2,083	-1,299	156	1,155	592	-144	-192	-124
Oct-Dec	156	-143	-446	259	-368	-1,811	-233	209	2,510	442	-165	-289	-121
Total	**-897**	**-793**	**-1,798**	**688**	**-3,745**	**-4,543**	**-2,421**	**2,689**	**6,797**	**4,638**	**-182**	**-533**	**100**

Source: Statistics Canada

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Table 5: Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration including Net NPR
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	**12,320**	4,727	1,033	519	536	**3,711**	**16,031**	1,546	**17,577**
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	**9,512**	5,445	1,170	549	885	**4,611**	**14,123**	2,210	**16,333**
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	**16,729**	5,714	2,491	714	2,266	**4,775**	**21,504**	2,795	**24,299**
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	**7,678**	4,832	1,382	524	629	**3,555**	**11,233**	1,232	**12,465**
Total	*101,067*	*54,828*	***46,239***	*20,718*	*6,076*	*2,306*	*4,316*	***16,652***	***62,891***	***7,783***	***70,674***
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	**4,725**	4,015	1,237	500	645	**2,923**	**7,648**	4,227	**11,875**
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	**4,677**	5,595	1,637	568	1137	**4,527**	**9,204**	5,840	**15,044**
Jul-Sep	26,228	24,023	**2,205**	6,171	3,362	734	1,079	**3,154**	**5,359**	4,672	**10,031**
Oct-Dec	15,614	13,579	**2,035**	5,085	1,913	542	452	**3,082**	**5,117**	2,568	**7,685**
Total	*82,414*	*68,772*	***13,642***	*20,866*	*8,149*	*2,344*	*3,313*	***13,686***	***27,328***	***17,307***	***44,635***
2008											
Jan-Mar	18,572	14,710	**3,862**	5,352	1,553	494	487	**3,792**	**7,654**	4,037	**11,691**
Apr-Jun	24,023	16,808	**7,215**	7,196	1,867	536	820	**5,613**	**12,828**	7,334	**20,162**
Jul-Sep	22,732	20,075	**2,657**	6,455	3,375	729	1,079	**3,430**	**6,087**	7,605	**13,692**
Oct-Dec	15,137	11,026	**4,111**	5,201	1,959	544	452	**3,150**	**7,261**	4,532	**11,793**
Total	*80,464*	*62,619*	***17,845***	*24,204*	*8,754*	*2,303*	*2,838*	***15,985***	***33,830***	***23,508***	***57,338***
2009											
Jan-Mar	18,711	14,026	**4,685**	5,764	1,598	497	487	**4,156**	**8,841**	4,544	**13,385**
Apr-Jun	18,658	16,927	**1,731**	7,739	1,921	539	820	**6,099**	**7,830**	2,481	**10,311**
Jul-Sep	20,790	23,325	**-2,535**	7,585	3,447	732	1,079	**4,485**	**1,950**	2,386	**4,336**
Oct-Dec	12,124	14,904	**-2,780**	5,929	1,973	543	452	**3,865**	**1,085**	-1,663	**-578**
Total	*70,283*	*69,182*	***1,101***	*27,017*	*8,939*	*2,311*	*2,838*	***18,605***	***19,706***	***7,748***	***27,454***
2010											
Jan-Mar	19,340	19,028	**312**	6,761	1,605	495	487	**5,148**	**5,460**	-47	**5,413**
Apr-Jun	23,083	20,263	**2,820**	9,686	1,934	537	820	**8,035**	**10,855**	-753	**10,102**
Jul-Sep	21,702	20,547	**1,155**	9,492	3,478	732	1,079	**6,361**	**7,516**	-1,643	**5,873**
Oct-Dec	16,072	13,562	**2,510**	6,708	1,984	543	452	**4,633**	**7,143**	-6,725	**418**
Total	*80,197*	*73,400*	***6,797***	*32,647*	*9,001*	*2,307*	*2,838*	***24,177***	***30,974***	***-9,168***	***21,806***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

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